

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, May 9, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session
Westlake High School PAC – 27830 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**

Call to Order Time: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Kraft	<u>Present</u>
Dr. Stoll	<u>Present</u>

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance – President Winter led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
President Winter read a prepared statement regarding the status of teacher negotiations.

VISION STATEMENT

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student centered, 21st Century learning environment. Our district will be characterized by high achievement, actively engaged learners, mutual respect, shared knowledge, pursuit of new skills and capabilities, collaborative learning, willingness to take action, a team commitment to data-driven continuous improvement, and tangible results.

MISSION STATEMENT

WE EDUCATE FOR EXCELLENCE...Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

Acknowledgment of Visitors – President Winter welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Stoll

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Kraft	<u>AYE</u>
Dr. Stoll	<u>AYE</u>

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items – None.

A. Board Committee Reports

1. Legislative Liaison – Barbara Leszynski

Mrs. Leszynski briefed the Board on recent legislative items: HB 410, HB 113, HB 425, HB 481.

2. Student Achievement Liaison – Dr. Stoll

Dr. Stoll noted several achievements by District students: Sara Massa was selected for the OAEA OAC Congressional Art Show; WHS Academic Challenge Team was the SWC tournament champion; Bradley Katcher was awarded the Jefferson Scholarship at the University of Virginia; Kyle Yu was named the US Geography Olympiad JV Champion; and Alex Ikezawa was named Presidential scholar.

3. Policy Committee

The committee recommended the Board entertain a first reading of the policies noted on the agenda.

4. Finance/Audit Committee

Mr. Kraft spoke about the recent tour he and other board members took of the building facilities.

5. Curriculum Committee

President Winter noted the District Math teachers have been working with Kathi Maxwell to narrow down the Math materials/adoption items slated for next school year.

6. Community Outreach Committee

Mr. Kraft spoke about the dedication of Isaac's Corner at Bassett Elementary school and noted the recent WHS Choir trip to New York and Boston. He then mentioned the results of the Community Survey will be discussed at the May 23rd meeting.

B. Discussion Items

1. First Reading of policies

Superintendent Palmer provided an overview of the proposed policies for first reading.

Conflict of Interest	POLICY 1130
Independent Educational Evaluations	POLICY 2460.03
Conflict of Interest	POLICY 3113
Conflict of Interest	POLICY 4113
Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders	POLICY 4162
Entrance Requirements	POLICY 5112
Attendance	POLICY 5200
Released Time for Religious Instruction	POLICY 5223
Immunization	POLICY 5320
Grant Funds	POLICY 6110
Internal Controls	POLICY 6111
Cash Management of Grants	POLICY 6112
Cost Principals – Spending Federal Funds	POLICY 6114
Time and Effort Reporting	POLICY 6116
Procurements – Federal Grants/Funds	POLICY 6325
Travel Payment & Reimbursement	POLICY 6550

Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property	POLICY 7300
Disposition of Surplus Property	POLICY 7310
Property Inventory	POLICY 7450
Food Service	POLICY 8500
Equivalent Education Outside the Schools Home Schooling	POLICY 9270

2. Strategic Plan – Task Force Structure and Plans

Superintendent Palmer reviewed the Strategic Planning initiative and explained the next steps in the process and the proposed timeline for completion.

Hearing of the Public (15 Minutes)

Russ Ezolt spoke about his respect for Superintendent Palmer and CFO Pepera and noted their history of responsiveness. He then commented about salaries and benefits of teachers.

Harry Applegate read a prepared statement about the status of negotiations with the teachers. He then made reference to a previous comment he had made about Social Studies textbooks being outdated.

Bernadette Liggett read a prepared statement about the stalled labor negotiations with the teachers and the impact it's having on the students. She urged the Board to work toward an amicable agreement.

Dennis Jensen, parent, attributed his son's academic performance to his former teachers and then inquired about historical negotiation experiences between the Board and the teachers.

Bradley Katcher, student, read a prepared statement about Westlake teachers.

Russ Milan spoke about his history in Westlake, and various issues surrounding the failures of past levies. He stated the School Board is at a crossroad and hopes the Board makes the right choice for the future.

Elizabeth Massien, student, read a prepared statement about her educational experience in Westlake.

Gary Sole spoke about some statistics in the District's CAFR report and made some financial comparisons to neighboring school districts.

C. Board Comments

President Winter clarified for the audience that while board meetings are held in public, they are truly a meeting of the Board.

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Purpose: To discuss employment of personnel and discuss possible acquisition/sale of property

Time: 6:44 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Leszynski

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mr. Kraft AYE

Dr. Stoll AYE

Others in Attendance: Palmer, Pepera, Sheets, Goggin

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 7:50 p.m.

E. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Stoll

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Kraft	<u>AYE</u>
Dr. Stoll	<u>AYE</u>

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

President

Treasurer

The public may address the Board during the periods of the meeting designated for public participation. Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time allotted is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board present and voting.